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(WMARC), GENEVA, 22 APRIL TO 7 JUNE 1974--WEEKLY
SUMMARY NO. 3 (6 TO 11 MAY)

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1. BEGIN HIGHLIGHTS. WMARC ACTIVITIES CONTINUED AT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SUB-WORKING GROUP (SWG) LEVELS DURING WEEK. AS THIRD WEEK DREW TO CLOSE, REDRAFTING OF APPENDIX 25 ALLOTMENT PLAN HAD YET TO BE STARTED. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH CERTAIN KEY DELEGATIONS INDICATE GROWING FEELING THAT THIS WMARC MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DRAFT NEW ALLOTMENT PLAN. SOLUTION MAY BE ALONG LINES OF THE EXISTING PLAN, WITH ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE 9B PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR NEW REQUIREMENTS.

2. DECISION TAKEN AT WG LEVEL TO EXPAND APPENDIX 15 TO EMBRACE ALL HIGH FREQUENCY (HF) MARITIME SUB-BANDS, I.E.
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TO INCLUDE BOTH TELEGRAPHY AND TELEPHONY BANDS IN ONE

TABLE. REARRANGEMENTS OF APPENDIX 15 WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE SOME 27 NEW TELEPHONY CHANNELS AT EXPENSE OF SHIP MANUAL MORSE TELEGRAPHY.

3. APPENDIX 15 REARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NARROW BAND DIRECT PRINTING (NBDP) CHANNELS, BOTH SHIP AND COAST, LEAVING OCEAN DATA ALLOCATIONS UNCHANGED.

4. AMOUNT OF SPECTRUM ALLOCATED FOR WIDEBANDS LEFT UNCHANGED BUT WIDEBANDS SPLIT INTO TWO BLOCKS WITH PRESENT 4 KHZ CHANNELING RETAINED.

5. DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING PROPOSALS CONTINUE TO ENCOUNTER STRONG OPPOSITION BUT SURVIVED TWO KEY VOTES DURING WEEK AT SWG LEVEL. HOWEVER CONSIDERABLE WORK REMAINS BE DONE IN SELECTIVE CALLING AREA.

6. POLITICAL ISSUE SURFACED DURING WEEK WHEN IT WAS LEARNED PANAMA HAD SENT DIPLOMATIC LETTER TO ITU SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTING THAT INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD CHANGE "PNZ" FREQUENCY LISTINGS TO "PNR" IN THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY LIST. MATTER RAISED SEPARATELY WITH DEPARTMENT. END HIGHLIGHTS.

7. RESUME OF SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY DURING THIRD WEEK FOLLOWS.

8. COMMITTEE 4 (RADIOTELEGRAPHY) APPROVED REVISION OF APPENDIX 15 EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL SUBALLOCATIONS IN EACH HF MARITIME MOBILE BAND, BOTH TELEGRAPHY AND TELEPHONY, PREPARED BY JOINT WG 4A/5E (DOC. 279). TEXTS ALSO APPROVED FOR NEW ARTICLE 28C, APPENDIX 20B MOD, APPENDIX 18 MOD, AND NEW APPENDIX 18A PREPARED BY WG 4B TO COVER NBDP.

9. WG 4A A-GREED FREQUENCY SEPARATION FOR SUB-BANDS FOR TELEGRAPHY SERVICES IN APPENDIX 15 AND TURNED OVER TO NEW SWG 4A/5E-3 (W. M. DUNELL OF U.K. IN CHAIR) TO UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLETE RELATED APPENDICES AND ARTICLE 32 AMENDMENTS. VARIOUS REGULATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING PRIMARILY TO IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES AND DATES REFERRED TO NEW SWG 4A/5E-4 (F.L. FRISBIE OF U.S. IN CHAIR).

10. SWG 4B-1 COMPLETED WORK ON ARTICLE 28C AND APPENDIX 20B (NBDP) SYSTEMS AND ALL ITEMS WERE CLEARED

THROUGH WG 4B EXCEPT DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING AND F1 EMISSIONS. RE LATTER, FOOTNOTE AGREED REQUIRING SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED ADMINISTRATIONS ON USE OF F1 IN EUROPEAN MARITIME AREA AS DEFINED 1948 COPENHAGEN AGREEMENT REGARDING FREQUENCY BAND 405 TO 525 KHZ.

11. SWG 4B-3 CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION OF NEW NBDP FREQUENCIES FOR COAST STATIONS CONTINUED WITH U.S., FRANCE, AND NETHERLANDS OPPOSING REGISTRATION STATUS AND U.K. FAVORING.

12. SWG 4B-4 SETABLISHED TO CONSIDER ARTICLE 29A ON NBDP OPERATING PROCEDURES. ONE MEETING HELD 10 MAY. CHAIRMAN: G.L. JEDERLUND (SWEDEN).

13. WG 4C, OVER STRENUOUS U.S. OBJECTIONS, SUBSTANTIALLY ADOPTED U.K. PROPOSALS FOR DESIGNATION OF FREQUENCIES IN 2900-3100 MHZ AND 9300-9500 MHZ BANDS FOR FIXED FREQUENCY RADAR BEACONS. HOWEVER, WG 4C ALSO SUBSTANTIALLY ADOPTED U.S. DEFINITION FOR RACON CONTAINED U.S. RECOMMENDATIONS B AND C. WG 4C REPORT CARRIES STATEMENT BY U.S. OPPOSING DESIGNATION OF FREQUENCIES FOR RACONS AS PREMATURE; U.S. REITERATED OPPOSITION IN C4 WHEN REPORT WAS APPROVED.

14. AD HOC WG 4/6 (CALLING PROCEDURES) -- SEE PARAGRAPH 21 BELOW.

15. COMMITTEE 5 (RADIOTELEPHONY) REACHED AGREEMENT BY END OF WEEK ON 3.1 KHZ CHANNELING FOR ALL MARITIME HF TELEPHONY AS WELL AS 1 JANUARY 1978 CUTOFF FOR DISCONTINUANCE A3B EMISSION AND CONVERSION TO A3A/A3J.

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DEFINITION OF, AND FREQUENCIES FOR, ON-BOARD COMMUNICATIONS WERE AGREED. SUBSTANTIAL PART OF C5 EFFORTS DURING WEEK DEVOTED TO PROLONGED DEBATE ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR REDRAFTING APPENDIX 25 ALLOTMENT PLAN; NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

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16. COMMITTEE 6 (OPERATION) MET 10 MAY TO CONSIDER NOTE BY ITU SECRETARY-GENERAL ON "ITU TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME TELECOMMUNICATIONS" (DOC. 273/REV.) INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP ACTION BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO). (CHARGE BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA THAT EXISTING STATE OF MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DUE TO COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM DREW NO RESPONSE.) IT APPEARS THAT A RECOMMENDATION URGING SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CONTINUED AND INCREASED TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WILL BE ADOPTED.

17. SWG 6A1 COMPLETED WORK ON ARTICLES 22, 23, AND 24. ADDITIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AD HOC WG 4/6 (SEE PARAGRAPH 21 BELOW) DIRECTED 4/6 TO STUDY ALL PROPOSALS RELATING TO SECECTIVE CALLING AND TO MAKE SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS SUGGEST TEXTS FOR ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN RADIO REGULATIONS.

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18. WG 6B DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION TO DISTRESS ANS SAFETY SUBJECTS RELATING TO IMCO, SUCH AS USE OF 2182 KHZ, SCENE OF ACTION SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) FREQUENCIES, POSSIBLE AUTOMATION STUDY, AND APPROPRIATE

DISTRESS ALERTING FREQUENCIES.

19. SIX SWGS NOW FUNCTIONING UNDER 6B. U.S. PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE A3 AND A3H EMISSIONS FROM 2182 KHZ AT A FUTURE DATE WAS SOUNDLY DEFEATED ON OTHER THAN TECHNICAL GROUNDS. ARTICLES 33, 35, AND 36 TO BE CONSIDERED

FOURTH WEEK.

20. WORKING GROUP 6C (ACCOUNTING):

A. WG 6C HELD THREE MEETINGS DURING WEEK AND MADE GOOD PROGRESS ON PROPOSALS RELATING TO ARTICLE 40 OF RADIO REGULATIONS (RR) AND ADDITIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS (AR).

B. ISSUE OF WHETHER ADMINISTRATIONS SHOULD BE MADE RESPONSIBLE IN EVENT THEIR MARITIME MOBILE LICENSEES DO NOT HONOR DEBTS TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS WAS RESOLVED BY ADDING FOLLOWING NO. 1509 LANGUAGE THAT ADMINISTRATIONS SHOULD "ASSIST" IN DEBT COLLECTIONS.

C. SECTION IV OF ARTICLE 40 ON EXCHANGE AND VERIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS AND THE ASSOCIATED APPENDIX 22 ON PAYMENT OF BALANCES WERE SUPPRESSED, WITH RESULT THAT CORRESPONDING PARTS OF NEW TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE REGULATIONS WILL, WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS, BE APPLICABLE TO MARITIME ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS.

D. A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF DECISION TO SUPPRESS PROVISIONS ON ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS IS THAT OTHER PROVISIONS OF RR AND AR MIGHT ALSO BE SUPPRESSED OR TRANSFERRED TO RESERVED SECTIONS OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE REGULATIONS AND TO THE CCITT RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS BROADER DECISION HAS SO FAR ONLY BEEN TOUCHED UPON BUT SURFACE APPEARANCE WAS THAT THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST IN OTHER SUPPRESSIONS OR TRANSFERS.

21. AD HOC WG 4/6 MET FOUR TIMES TO CONSIDER NEW MANUAL TELEGRAPH CALLING PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, AND NORWAY. EFFECT IF ANY ON U.S. COAST STATIONS NOT YET CLEAR, BUT THERE IS STRONG UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT FOR EXTENSIVE CHANGES ALONG LINES OF U.K./ NORWEGIAN PROPOSALS.

22. COMMITTEE 7 (EDITORIAL) HELD BRIEF FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND FORM OF FINAL ACTS. COMMITTEE AGREED TO ELIMINATE SUPERFLUOUS INSTRUCTIONAL TEXT IN DOCUMENTS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, IN EFFORT TO REDUCE PRINTING COSTS AND SAVE TIME. DISCUSSION INDICATED A MAXIMUM OF FIVE SIGNATURES MAY BE REQUIRED FOR FINAL ACTS, I.E. RADIO REGULATIONS, ADDITIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS, FINAL PROTOCOL (IF ANY),

AND POSSIBLE TRANSFERS TO TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS AND
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